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THE TRIPURA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETS ACT, 1980
An Act to provide for the better regulation of buying and selling of agricultural produce and the establishment of markets for agricultural produce in the State of Tripura and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Tripura in the Thirty-First Year of the Republic of India as follows.

CHAPTER 1
PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act be called the Tripura Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1980.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Tripura.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "agricultural produce" means such produce (whether processed or not) of agriculture, horticulture, forest, animal husbandry and pisciculture, as are specified in the Schedule;

(b) "agriculturist" means a person who ordinarily by his own labour or by the labour of any member of his family or who by the labour of his tenant or by servant or hired labour or otherwise is engaged in the production or growth of agricultural produce which has not been processed, but does not include a trader, commission agent, processor or broker, in or in relation to, agricultural produce even though such trader, commission agent, processor or broker is also engaged in the production or growth of agricultural produce;
**Explanation**: For the purpose of this clause a person merely processing agricultural produce shall not be deemed to be engaged in the production or growth of agricultural produce and an agriculturist shall not cease to be so only because he processes or causes to be processed his own agricultural produce.

(c) “bye-laws” means bye-laws made under section 56;

(d) "commission agent" means a person, who, by himself or through his servant, buys and sells agricultural produce for any other person, keeps it in his custody and controls it during the process of its sale and purchase, and collects payment therefor from the buyer and pays it to the seller, and receives by way of remuneration, a commission or percentage upon the amount involved in each transaction;

(e) "Director" means the Director of Agriculture of the Government of Tripura and includes any other Officer appointed by the State Government to discharge all or any of the function of the Director under this Act;

(f) "local authority" means in relation to an area within the local limits of,—

(i) a Municipality, that Municipality;

(ii) a notified area authority, that authority;

(iii) a Gaon Sabha, that Sabha;

(g) "market" means any market established under section 5 of this Act;

(h) "market area" means an area declared to be a market area under section 4;

(i) "market committee" means a committee constituted for a market under section 6 and includes a sub-committee constituted under section 24;

(j) "notification" means a notification published in the official gazette;

(k) "Official Gazette" means the Tripura Gazette;

(l) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.
(m) "processor" means a person who processes any agricultural produce on payment of charge;

(n) "retail sale" in relation to any agricultural produce means the sale of that produce, not exceeding such quantity as the market committee may by bye-laws, determine to be a retail sale;

(o) "Schedule" means the Schedule to this Act;

(p) "Secretary" means the Secretary of a market committee and includes an Assistant Secretary;

(q) "Surveyor" means a person who, on arrival of a consignment of agricultural produce for sale in any market area or market, surveys it for ascertaining the quality refraction, alternation and other like factors;

(r) "trader" means a person who buys and sells agricultural produce as a principal or as a duly authorised agent for one or more persons or group of persons.

(2) If any question arises as to whether a person is or is not an agriculturist for the purposes of this Act, the matter shall be referred to the Director who shall decide the same.

3. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette and in local newspapers, preferably in regional language, declare its intention of regulating the purchase and sale of such agricultural produce and in such area as may be specified in the notification in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The notification shall state that any objections or suggestions which may be received by the State Government within a period, not being less than sixty days, to be specified in the notification, shall be considered by the State Government.
4. (1) On the expiry of the period specified in the notification issued under Section 3 and after considering the objections and suggestions as may be received before such expiry, the State Government may by notification declare the area specified in that notification or portion thereof, to be a market area for the purposes of this Act in respect of all or any agricultural produce specified in that notification.

(2) The State Government may in the manner specified in section 3, at any time—

(a) exclude from a market area, any area comprised therein; or

(b) include in the market area, any new area as may be specified in such notification

(3) On a declaration being made under sub-section (1), no local authority shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force establish or authorise or allow to be established, or continue or authorise the continuation of any place in the market area for the marketing or agricultural produce specified in the declaration or levy any fees on such agricultural produce sold in the market area.

CHAPTER II
ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKETS AND CONSTITUTION OF MARKET COMMITTEE

5. (1) For every market area, there shall be established a principal market, and there may also be established one or more subsidiary markets, for the marketing of agricultural produce.

(2) The Director shall, as soon as possible after the declaration is made under sub-section (1) of section 4, by notification establish any place (including any structure enclosure, open place or locality) in any market area to be the principal market for the marketing of the agricultural produce specified in such notification and may, in the same manner establish in any other like places in the area subsidiary markets for the marketing of such agricultural produce.
6. (1) There shall be constituted by the State Government, for every market area, a Market Committee: and different Market Committees may be constituted for regulating the marketing of different kinds of agriculture produce marketed in the same market area or in any part thereof.

(2) The provisions of the Tripura Markets Act, 1979 shall not apply to a market in relation to the specified agricultural produce only.

(3) Every Market Committee shall exercise such powers and discharge such functions as may be vested in it by or under this Act.

7. (1) Subject to the provision of sub-section (2), every Market Committee shall consist of the following 12 members namely:

(a) Six members to be elected by the agriculturists residing in the market area and holding agricultural land as ryot or under ryot in the State of Tripura;

(b) One member each to represent:

(i) the traders holding licences to operate as such in the market area; and

(ii) the Co-operative Societies operating in that market area; elected by the traders, or as the case may be, the societies, in the manner as may be prescribed;

Provided that where there is no Co-operative Society in the market area both the members shall be elected by the traders only.

(c) Two members to be elected by the members of the local authority within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the principal market in relation to that Market Committee is situated.

(d) One member each to represent the departments of the State Government dealing with Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, to be appointed by the State Government.

(2) When a Market Committee is constituted for the first time, all the members thereof, including the President, shall be nominated by the State Government.
(3) Subject to the provision of sub-section (2) every Market Committee shall elect one of its elected members to be its President.

8. Every Market Committee shall be a body corporate by such name as the State Government may, by notification specify, and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may, in its corporate name, sue and be sued and shall, subject to such restrictions as are imposed by or under this Act, be competent to contract and to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to do all other things necessary for the purposes for which it is constituted.

9. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Act and subject to the provision of sub-section (2) of section 7, the members of a Market Committee shall be elected by the individual authorities or bodies referred to in sub-section (1) of section 7.

(2) The manner of election, preparation and maintenance of the list of voters, qualifications of members, disqualifications for being chosen as, and for being, a member, the right of vote, the payment of deposit and its forfeiture, determination of election disputes, publication of the names of members elected, and all matters ancillary thereto shall be such as may be prescribed.

(3) If, for any reason, any body of persons, local authority or Co-operative Society or managing Committee thereof, fails to elect members of any Market Committee, the Director shall give notice in writing requiring such body of persons, local authority or Co-operative Society or managing Committee thereof, to elect members within one month from the date of service of such notice; and on the failure of such body, authority, society or Committee to elect members within the specified period, the Director shall nominate the required number of persons who are qualified to be elected under this Act to represent such body or persons, local authority or Co-operative Society or managing Committee thereof.

(4) Except as otherwise provided under this Act, a member of a Market Committee (not being a committee constituted for the first time) shall hold office for a period of three years and a member of a Market Committee constituted for the first time shall hold office for a period of one year:

Provided that the State Government may, by notification, extend the term of office of members of any Market Committee for a period not exceeding one year.
Provided further that, a person, who is a member by virtue of being a member of a Co-operative Society or a local authority shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be such member, and in the case of a person who is a licensee shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be the holder of the licence.

(5) The names of the members of a Market Committee who have been elected or nominated, shall be published in the Official Gazette.

(6) Upon the publication of the names of all the members of a Market Committee after election or nomination, as the case may be, or upon the publication of the names of at least nine members of such committee in the Official Gazette, the Market Committee shall be deemed to be duly constituted.

10. The Superintendence, Direction and control of the preparation of the list of voters for, and conduct of, all election to Market Committee shall be vested in the Director and, for the purpose of preparing the list of voters and conduct of elections, every Market Committee shall constitute an election-fund consisting of an amount as may be determined by the Director and shall deposit with the Director such amount and before such date as may be directed by him for meeting the expenses for preparing or revising the list of voters of conducting the election.

11. (1) The term of office of the members of a Market Committee shall be deemed to commence on the date of the first meeting of the Market Committee at which business is transacted.

(2) The first meeting of the Market Committee, to be called by the President, shall be held on such date as may be fixed by the Director or any officer authorised by him in that behalf, being a date not later than thirty days from the date on which the committee is deemed, under sub-section (6) of Section 9 to be duly constituted.

(3) Where the first meeting can not, for any reason, be held within the said period of thirty days, the Director shall report the fact to the State Government stating the reasons for the failure to hold the meeting, and shall act according to the direction of the State Government issued in that behalf.

(4) The term of office of the out-going members shall be deemed to extend to and expire with, the date immediately preceding the date of such first meeting.
12. (1) A member of a Market Committee may resign his office in writing addressed to the President and the President may resign his office of Member in writing addressed to the Director and the resignation shall take effect from the date on which it is accepted by the President, or as the case may be, the Director.

(2) If at any time it appears to the State Government that any Market Committee, by reason of the resignation of all or a majority of the members thereof, is unable to discharge the functions conferred or imposed upon it by or under this Act, it may, by notification, nominate persons to fill the vacancies of the members who have resigned; and the persons so nominated shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the members in whose place they are nominated or until the vacancies are duly filled by election or nomination as the case may be.

13. The State Government may, on the recommendation of the Market Committee supported by not less than eight members of that Committee present and voting at a meeting, remove any member if he has been guilty of or of any disgraceful conduct, or has become incapable of performing his duties as a member or is adjudged an insolvent:

Provided that no such member shall be removed from his office unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard by the State Government.

14. Subject to the provisions of Sub-Section (3) of Section 9 and Sub-Section (2) of Section 12, in the event of vacancies occurring on account of death, resignation or removable of a member, whether elected or nominated, before the expiry of his term of office, or otherwise, the President of the Market Committee shall forthwith communicate the occurrence of such vacancy to the Director and the vacancy shall be filled as soon as convenient, may be, by election, or, as the case may be, nomination, of a person, who shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the member in whose place he is elected or nominated:

Provided that, if the vacancy occurs at any time within three months immediately preceding the date en which the term of office of the member is due to expire, the vacancy shall not, unless the State Government otherwise directs, be filled.
15. The President shall unless removed earlier, hold office for such period as may be prescribed and shall, notwithstanding the expiry of his term of office, continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his Office.

Procedure of election of President.

16. (1) The President shall be elected in the first meeting of the Market Committee.

(2) Such meeting shall be presided over by the Director or any person authorised by him in this behalf.

(3) The Director or such person shall, when presiding over the meeting, have the same powers as the President has while presiding over a meeting of the Market Committee, but shall not have the right to vote.

(4) If, in the election of the President, there is an equality of votes, the result of the election shall be decided by lots to be drawn in the presence of the person presiding over the meeting and in such manner as he may determine.

(5) In the event of a dispute arising as to the validity of the election of the President, the Director, if he is the presiding officer, shall decide the dispute himself, and, in any other case, the person presiding shall refer the dispute to the Director for decision and the decision of the Director, subject to an appeal to the State Government, shall be final, and no suit or other proceeding shall lie in any court in respect of any such decision.

Resignation of President.

17. The President of the Market Committee may resign his office in writing addressed to the Director; and the resignation shall take effect from the date on which it is accepted by the Director.

Consequences of absence of the President without leave.

18. Subject to the rules made by the State Governments in this behalf, a President of the Market Committee who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Market Committee without leave of the Director shall cease, on and from the date on which the third such meeting is held, to be the President.

Vacancies in office of President.

19. (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled as soon as possible—

(a) by nomination, in the case of a Market Committee constituted for the first time; and
(b) in any other case, in the manner provided in sub-section (3) of section 7.

(2) Every President nominated or elected as the case may be, under this section, to fill a causal vacancy, shall hold office for such period as the President in whose place he is nominated or, as the case may be, elected, would have held such office if the vacancy had not occurred.

20. (1) On the nomination or election of the President, the out-going President shall forthwith handover charge of his office to the successor-in-office.

(2) If the out-going President fails or refuses to hand over charges of his office as required under Sub-section (1), the Director or any person authorised by the Director in this behalf may, by order in writing, direct such president to forthwith handover charge of his office to the successor-in-office together with all records, fund and property of the Market Committee, if any, in his possession as such President.

(3) If the out-going President to whom a direction has been issued under sub-section (2) does not comply with such direction, the Director or any other person authorised by him in this behalf may apply to the Executive Magistrate, within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the Market Committee is functioning, for seizing and taking possession of the records, funds and property of the Market Committee in the possession of such President and handing over possession thereof to the successor-in-office.

(4) On receipt of an application under sub-section (3) the Executive Magistrate may authorise any police officer, not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector to enter and search any place where the records, fund and property are kept or are likely to be kept and to seize them and to hand-over possession thereof to the person specified in such application.


21. The quorum for a meeting of the Market Committee and the procedure to be followed thereat shall be regulated in accordance with the bye-laws made for the purpose by the Market Committee.
22. A Market Committee shall have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership, or any defect in the constitution, thereof; and the proceedings of a Market Committee shall be valid notwithstanding that some person, who was not entitled to be a member, had sat voted or otherwise taken part in the proceedings of any such Committee.

CHAPTER III

MARKET COMMITTEES — POWERS AND DUTIES

23. Subject to the provision of this Act, it shall be the duty of a Market Committee—

(i) to implement the provisions of this Act and of the rules and bye-laws made thereunder for the market area;

(ii) to provide such facilities for marketing or agricultural produce therein as the State Government may, from time to time direct;

(iii) to do such other acts as may be required in relation to the Superintendence, direction and control of markets, or for regulating marketing of agricultural produce in any place, in the market area and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, and for that purpose, may exercise such power and perform such duties and discharge such functions as may be provided by or under this Act.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, a Market Committee may—

(a) grant, renew, refuse, suspend or cancel licences;

(b) provide for setting disputes arising out of any kind of transactions connected with the marketing of agricultural produce and all matters ancillary thereto;

(c) prosecute persons for violating the provisions of this Act and all the rules and bye-laws made thereunder;

(d) maintain and manage the market, including the regulations of conditions for use of the market;
(e) regulate the marketing of agricultural produce in the market area or the market, and the weightment or delivery of or, payment for, such agricultural produce;

(f) arrange for collection———

(i) of such agricultural produce in the market area in which all trades therein are to be carried on exclusively by the Government by or under any law for the time being in force for that purpose, or

(ii) of such other agricultural produce in the market area, as the State Government may, from time to time, notify in the Official Gazette (hereinafter referred to as the notified produce);

(g) acquire, hold and dispose of any movable or immovable property (including any equipment necessary for the purpose of efficiently carrying out its duties);

(h) collect or maintain, disseminate and supply information in respect of production, sale, storage, processing, prices and movement of agricultural produce (including information relating to crops-statistics and marketing intelligence as may be required by the Director or the State Government;

(i) take all possible steps to prevent adulteration and to promote grading and standardisation of such agricultural produce as may be prescribed;

(j) enforce the provisions of this Act and of the rules and bye-laws made, and conditions of the licences granted, under this Act;

(k) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

24. A market Committee may constitute one or more Sub-committees consisting of one or more of its members and, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be prescribed, delegated to such Sub-committees such of its powers or duties as it may think fit.
25. (1) A market Committee duly authorised by the State Government for the purpose may, by an order published for the information of the Public in such manner as it deems fit, open collection centres for collecting thereat the produce specified in such order (hereinafter referred to as the specified produce).

(2) Where any person wishes to sell any specified produce in a market area, he shall tender all such produce only at the collection centre established for the purpose under sub-section (1):

(3) The Market Committee shall, on the sales of such produce, get it weighed, measured or, as the case may be, counted, forthwith and arrange for issuing a receipt therefor to the person who has tendered the produce at the collection centre for sale or, as the case may be, to the commission agent or agency and shall also arrange to give a copy of the receipt to the purchaser;

Provided that the Market Committee may authorise any corporate body registered under the Tripura Co-operative societies Act, 1974 and operating in the collection centre in specified produce for the purpose of discharging the functions of the Market Committee under this sub-section on such terms and conditions, not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or the rules or the bye-laws made thereunder, as may be agreed upon.

(4) Such receipt shall contain the following particulars, that is to say,—

(i) the name of the collection centre;
(ii) the name of the tenderer;
(iii) the name of the purchaser;
(iv) the name of the agent, if any;
(v) the name of the specified produce, the weight, measure or number thereof and the fees paid for the weighing, measuring or counting such produce;
(vi) grade of specified produce, if any, and the rate;
(vii) the amount to be paid to the Market Committee by the purchaser;
(viii) the amount to be paid by the tenderer to the commission agent by way of his commission, if any, and such other market charges, as are duly authorised by the Market Committee;

(ix) the amount to be actually paid to the tenderer after deducting the amount, if any, falling under clause (vii) or clause (viii);

(x) the total amount to be paid by the purchaser in respect of the specified produce purchased by him.

(5) The dues payable to a Market Committee under clause (vii) of Sub-Section (4) shall consist of fees to be levied and collected from a purchaser by or under this Act.

(6) The purchaser shall, on receiving a copy of the receipt, pay forthwith the total amount to be paid by him as recorded in the receipt, to—

(a) the Market Committee, an amount equal to the total of the amount referred to in clause (vii) and clause (viii) of Sub-Section (4).

(b) the tenderer an amount equal to the amount referred to in clause (ix) of Sub-Section (4).

(7) The Market Committee, on receipt of money shall arrange to pay from the amount received by it, to the commission agent, if any, the amount recorded against such agent in the receipt and credit the balance due to it to the market fund.

26. It shall be competent for a Market Committee to levy and collect such fees (hereinafter referred to as the market fees), not being in the excess of, or less than, an amount determined by the State Government by notification, from every purchaser of agricultural produce sold in a market area in such manner and at such rate as may be prescribed:

Provided that when any agricultural produce brought into any market area for the purpose of processing only, or for export, is not processed or exported there from within thirty days, from the date of its arrival therein, it shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed to have been brought into the
market area for buying and selling, and shall be subject to the levy of fees under this section, as if it had been brought and sold therein:

Provided further that no such fees shall be levied and collected in the same market area in relation to any agricultural produce in respect of which fees under this section have already been levied and collected therein.

27. (1) A Market Committee may, with the previous sanction of the State Government, raise money required for carrying out the purposes for which it is established on the security of any property vested in it and of any fees leviable by it under this Act.

(2) A Market Committee may, for the purposes of meeting the expenditure on lands, building and equipment, required for establishing the market, obtain loan from the State Government on such term and condition as that Government may determine.

(3) A Market Committee may with the previous approval of the State Government, obtain loans from other Market Committees or any financial Institution or give loans to other Market Committee on such conditions, and subject to such rules, as may be made.

28. (1) Every contract entered into by a Market Committee shall be in writing and shall be executed on behalf of the Committee by the President and the Secretary of the Committee.

(2) No contract, other than a contract executed as provided in sub-section (1), shall be binding on the Market Committee.

CHAPTER IV
OFFICERS AND SERVANTS OF MARKET COMMITTEE:

29. (1) Every Market Committee shall, have as it is Secretary a person appointed by the State Government from amongst the nominated members of the Committee.

(2) A Market Committee may, with the previous approval of the State Government, employ such number of other officers and servants as may be necessary for the management of the market and the salary and conditions of
service of such officers and servants shall be such as may be determined by the
Committee by bye-laws made in the behalf.

(3) The Government may, on the request of a Market Committee and
on such conditions as may be prescribed, depute a servant of the Government
to the service of the Market Committee for the purpose of assisting that
committee to manage its affairs.

CHAPTER V
MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCES

30. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and of the rules providing
for regulating the marketing of agricultural produce in any place in the
Market Area, no person shall on and after the date on which an area is
declared under sub-section (1), of Section 4, to be a Market Area, without,
or otherwise than in conformity with the terms and conditions of a
licence granted by——

(a) the Director, when a Market Committee has not been
constituted or has not started functioning; or
(b) in any other case, by the Market Committee——

(i) use any place in the Market Area for the marketing
of the agricultural produce specified in the said
declaration; or

(ii) operate in the Market Area or in any market therein as
a trader, commission agent, processor, weighman,
measurer, surveyor, ware-houseman, or in any other
capacity in relation to the marketing of such agricultural
produce.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1), shall apply to the retail sale by an
agriculturist of his own produce, or to sell by a person, not being a trader or
agriculturist, where such person himself sells to another who buys for his
personal consumption or the consumption of any member of his family.

31. (1) Subject to the rules made in this behalf, a Market Committee may,
after making such inquiries as it deems fit, grant or renew a licence for the use
of any place in the Market Area for the marketing of agricultural produce or
for operating therein as trader, commission-agent, surveyor processor, weighman, measurer, ware-houseman or in any other capacity in relation to marketing of agricultural produce or may after recording its reason in writing therefor, refuse to grant or renew any such licence;

Provided that the Director may, where a Market Committee has not been constituted or has not started functioning, subject to any rules that may be made in this behalf, grant a licence for the marketing of agricultural produce or for operating in any Market area as a trader, commission-agent, processor, weighman, measurer, surveyor, ware-houseman or in any other capacity.

(2) A licence granted under sub-section (1),

(a) shall be in such form, valid for such period, and subject to such terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations as may be prescribed and such restrictions may include a provision prohibiting commission agents from acting in any transaction (except between a trader and trader) in respect of such agricultural produce as may be prescribed; and

(b) may also specify,

(i) the manner in which and the place at which auction of agricultural produce shall be conducted and bids at such auction shall be accepted;

(ii) places at which weighment and delivery of agricultural produce shall be made in any market or market area and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.

Power to cancel and suspension of licence.

32. (1) Subject to the provision of sub-section (3), a Market Committee may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend or cancel a licence granted or renewed under this chapter,

(a) if the licence had been obtained through wilful misrepresentation, or fraud;

(b) if the holder of the licence or any servant or any one acting on his behalf with his express or implied permission commits a breach of any of the terms or conditions of the licence; or
(c) if the holder of the licence in combination with other holders of licences commits any act or abstains from carrying out his normal business in the market with intention of wilfully obstructing, suspending, or stopping the marketing of agricultural produce in the market area; or

(d) if the holder of the licence has been adjudged an insolvent and has not obtained his discharge; or

(e) if the holder of the licence is convicted of any offence under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) but subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), the Director may, when the market committee has not been constituted or has not started functioning, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by order, suspend or cancel any licence granted or renewed under this chapter.

(3) No licence shall be suspended or cancelled under this section unless the holder thereof has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action.

33. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Director or the Market Committee refusing to grant or renew a licence or cancelling or suspending any licence, may appeal to the State Government within thirty days from the date on which such order is communicated to him and in such manner as may be prescribed.

   (2) The State Government shall, on such appeal, make such order as it may deem just and proper:

Provided that, before dismissing an appeal, the State Government shall give the appellant a reasonable opportunity of being heard, and record in writing the reasons for such dismissal.

34. (1) For the purpose of settling dispute between buyers and sellers of agricultural produce or their agents including any dispute regarding quality or weight or payment, or any other matter in relation to the regulation of marketing of agricultural produce in the market area, the Market Committee constituted for that Market area may appoint arbitrators or constitute from amongst its members a Sub-Committee.

   (2) The method of appointment of arbitrators, the constitution and function of the sub-committees and the fees, if any, that may be paid by parties for the settlement of disputes shall be such as may be prescribed.

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Any party aggrieved by the decision of the arbitrator or the sub-committee, may prefer an appeal from such decision to the State Government in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER VI
MARKET FUND

35. (1) All fees and other moneys received by a Market Committee under this Act (except the amount of such fees credited to the election fund under section (10), all sums realised by way of penalty (otherwise than by way of fine in any criminal case), all loans raised by the Committee, and all grants, loans, or contributions made by the State Government to the Committee shall form part of a fund to be called the Market Fund.

(2) The amount to the credit of a Market Fund shall be kept or invested in such manner as may be prescribed.

36. The amount standing to the credit of the Market Fund may be expended for all or any of the following purposes, namely:

(a) the acquisition of site or sites for the market; 
(b) maintenance, development and improvement of market; 
(c) construction of, and repairs to, buildings necessary for the purpose of such market and for the health, convenience and safety of persons using it; 
(d) the provision and maintenance of standard weight and measures; 
(e) pay, pension and leave, allowances, gratuities, compensations for injuries or death resulting from accidents, compassionate allowances and contributions towards leave, pensions or provident fund of the officers and servants, employed by the Market Committee; 
(f) the payment of interest on loan, if any, raised by the Market Committee and the provision of sinking fund in respect of such loan.
(g) the collection and dissemination of information regarding matters relating to crops statistics and marketing in respect of agricultural produce specified in the notification under sub-section (1) of section 4;

(h) propaganda in favour of agricultural improvement and orderly marketing;

(i) payment of travelling and other allowances to the members of the Market Committee and of its sub-committees, if any, constituted under section 34;

(j) expenses of any tribunal constituted under sub-section (4) of section 52;

(k) any other function of the Market Committee specified in this Act or in the rules made therein;

(l) for any other purpose, with the previous approval of the State Government.

37. The manner in which any payment from the Market Fund shall be made, its account shall be kept and audited or reaudited (including powers to be exercised by the auditor in this behalf), its annual, revised or supplementary budget estimates of income and expenditure shall be made (including provision for modifying, annulling or rescinding such budgets) and its annual administrative report shall be prepared, shall be such as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER VII
TRADE ALLOWANCES PROHIBITED

38. No person shall make, or cause to be made on his behalf or on behalf of any other person, or recover, or cause to be recovered on his behalf or on behalf of any other person, and trade allowances in any market or market area in relation to any transaction made or proposed to be made the market area in respect of any agricultural produce.

Explanation: For the purposes of this section "trade allowance" means anything realised in cash or kind by the purchaser from the seller in any transaction relating to agricultural produce either by deduction from the price agreed upon or otherwise.
CHAPTER VIII
CONTROL BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT

Instruction, 39. The Director, or any officer authorised by him by general or by special order in this behalf, may—

(a) inspect or cause to be inspected the accounts and offices of a Market Committee;

(b) hold inquiry into the affairs of a Market Committee;

(c) call for any return, statement, accounts or report which it or be may think fit to require such committee to furnish;

(d) require a Market Committee to take into account—

(i) any objection which appears to it or him to exist to the doing of any thing which is about to be done or is being done by or on behalf of such committee, or

(ii) any information he is able to furnish and which appears to him to necessitate the doing of certain thing, which is not being done by such committee, and make a written reply to him within a reasonable time stating its reason for doing or not doing such thing;

(e) with prior approval of the State Government direct, pending consideration of their reply made under clause (d), that anything which is about to be done or is being done, should not be done and any thing which should be done but is not being done, should be done within such time as he may direct.

Duty of officers, 40. (1) When the accounts and offices of Market Committee are inspected, or the affairs of such Committee are inquired into, under section 39, or the proceeding of such committee are examined under section 42, all officers, servants, and members of such committee shall furnish such information in their possession in regard to the accounts and offices or affairs or proceedings of such committee as the Director, or the officers authorised by the Director, as the case may be, may require.

(2) The Director or any officer inspecting the accounts and offices or inquiring into the affairs of Market Committee under section 39, or the State Government examining the proceedings of such committee under section 42, shall, for the purposes of such inspection, inquiry or examination, have the
same powers as are vested in a civil court under the code of civil procedure 1908, while trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely:

(a) the summoning and enforcing the attendance of any officer, servant or member of the Market Committee and examining him on oath;

(b) the discovery and production by any officer, servant or member of the Market Committee of any document or other material object producible as evidence; and

(c) the reception of evidence on affidavits.

(3) Any officer exercising the powers conferred by sub-section (2) shall be deemed to be a Civil Court for the purposes of Section 195 and Chapter XXVI of the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

41. Where the Director has reason to believe that the books and records of a Market Committee are likely to be tampered with or destroyed or the funds or property of a Market Committee are likely to be mis-appropriated or mis-applied, the Director may, with the approval of the State Government, issue an order directing a person duly authorised by him in writing to seize and take possession of such books and records, funds and property of a Market Committee and the officer or officers of the Market Committee responsible for the custody of such books, records, funds and property shall give delivery thereof to the person so authorised.

42. The State Government may at any time, call for and examine the records of any proceedings of a Market Committee for the purposes of satisfying itself as to the legality or property of any decision or order passed by the Market Committee under this Act, and if, in any case, it appears to the State Government that any decision or order or proceedings so called for should be modified, annulled or reversed, the State Government may pass such order thereon as it thinks fit.

43. (1) If, in the opinion of the State Government, a Market Committee, or any member thereof, is not competent to perform, or persistently makes default in performing the duties imposed on it or him by or under this Act, or abuses its or his power or wilfully disregards any instructions issued by the State Government or any officer duly authorised by it in this behalf and
arising out of audit of account of the Market Committee or inspection of the office and works thereof thereby frustrating the purposes of this Act, the State Government may, for reasons to be recorded by it in writing and after giving the Committee or member, as the case may be, an opportunity of tendering an explanation, by notification, supersede such Market Committee, or remove such member, as the case may be; and where a member is removed the vacancy so caused shall be filled in the same manner, and subject to the same condition in regard to term of office, as provided in section 14.

(2) Upon the publication of a notification under sub-section (1) superseding a Market Committee the following consequences shall ensure, that is to say —

(a) all members of the Market Committee shall, from the date of such publication, be deemed to have vacated their office.

(b) all the assets of the Committee shall vest in the State Government;

(c) the State Government may, by order, either constitute a new Market-Committee in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter II or make such other arrangement for carrying out the functions of the Market Committee as it thinks fit.

CHAPTER IX
PENALTIES

Penalty for not complying with directions. 44. If the President to whom a direction has been issued under sub-section (2) of section 20, does not, except for reasons beyond his control, comply with such direction, he shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

Penalty for contravention of Sec. 33

45. Whoever, in contravention of the provision of sub-section (1) of section 30, uses any place in the market area for the marketing of the agricultural produce specified in the declaration made under sub-section (1) of section 4, or operates in the market area or in any market therein as a trader, commission agent, processor, weighman, measurer, surveyor, warehouseman, or in any other capacity in relation to the marketing of agricultural produce specified in such declaration, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which
may extend to one month, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both; and in the case of continuing contravention with further fine which may extend to fifty rupees for every date, after the first, during which the contravention continues.

46. Whoever, in contravention of the provision of section 38, makes or causes to be made or recovers or causes to be recovered any trade allowances, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

47. Whoever, obstructs any officer in carrying out the inspection of accounts, or in holding the inquiry into the affairs of a Market Committee or fails to obey any order with reference to any matter specified in clause (a), clause (c), clause (d) or clause (e) of section 39 shall be punished with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees for every date during which the offence continues.

48. Whoever contravenes any provisions of this Act or of any rules or bye-laws made thereunder shall, if no other penalty is provided for such contravention elsewhere in this Act or in the rules or bye-laws, be punished with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

CHAPTER X
Miscellaneous

49. The President, the members, the Secretary and other officers and servants of a Market Committee shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

50. No order passed or decision made under this Act shall be appealable except as provided therein and no civil court shall have jurisdiction in respect of any matter which any competent authority is empowered by or under this Act to determine, and no injunction shall be granted by any court or other authority in respect of any action taken or to be taken in pursuance of any power conferred by or under this Act.

51. (1) No offence under this Act, or any rule or bye-law made thereunder, shall be tried by a court inferior to the court of a Judicial Magistrate of the first Class.

(2) No prosecution under this Act shall be instituted except by the Director or any officer authorised by him in that behalf or by the Secretary or by any other person duly authorised by the Market Committee in that behalf.
(3) No court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act or any rule, order or bye-law made thereunder, unless complaint thereof is made within six months from the date on which the alleged commission of the offence came to the knowledge of the Director, officer, Secretary or person referred to in sub-section (2).

(4) All fines received by a court from an offender shall be credited to the Government revenues and an amount equal to such fine shall be paid by the Government to the Market Committee.

Recovery of sums due to Government Market Committee and others.

52. (1) Every sum due from a Market Committee to the Government shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 55, any sum due to a Market Committee on account of any charge, costs, expenses, fees, rent or on any other account under the provisions of this Act or any rule or bye-law made thereunder or any sum due to an agriculturist for any agricultural produce, specified under sub-section (1) of section 25, sold by him in the market area and which is not paid to him as provided by or under this Act, shall be recoverable from the person from whom such sum is due in the same manner as if it were an arrear of land revenue.

(3) If any question arises whether a sum is due to a Market Committee or any agriculturist within the meaning of sub-section (2) it shall be referred to a Tribunal constituted for the purpose which shall, after making such inquiry as it may deem fit, and after giving to the person from whom it is alleged to be due, an opportunity of being heard, decide the question and the decision of the Tribunal shall be final.

(4) The State Government may constitute one or more Tribunals consisting of one person, possessing such qualifications as may be prescribed, who is not connected with the Market Committee or the agriculturist as the case may be, or with the person from whom the sum is alleged to be due.

Power of State Government to delegate Powers.

53. The State Government may, by notification, and subject to such conditions, if any, as it may think fit to impose, delegate all or any of the powers conferred upon it by or under any of the provisions of this Act to the Director or any other officer or person specified in the notification.
54. The State Government may, by general or special order, published in the Official Gazette, exempt any Market Committee or any class of persons from any of the provisions of this Act or any rule or bye-law made thereunder or may direct, in like manner, that the provisions of this Act shall apply to the Market Committee or any class of persons with such notifications, not affecting the substance thereof, as may be specified in that order.

55. (1) The State Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

(a) the manner in which the members of a Market Committee may be elected, under section 9 (including all matters incidental to such election);

(b) term of office and other conditions of service of the President of the Market Committee under sections 15 and 18;

(c) the duties of Market Committee under sub-section (2) of section 23 and the promotion of the grading and standardisation of such agricultural produce as may be specified in the rules, under clause (i) of that sub-section;

(d) the manner of levy and collection of Market fees by Market Committee, under section 26;

(e) the conditions subject to which loans may be obtained or given by a Market Committee under sub-section (3) of section 27;

(f) the manner in which and the time within which an appeal may be filed under sub-section (2) of section 59;

(g) the form of licence and the terms and conditions subject to which a licence may be granted or renewed, including fees to be paid in respect of such licence, under section 31;

(h) the fees payable in connection with the weighment and delivery of agricultural produce under section 31;
(i) the manner in which an appeal may be filed under sub-section (1) of section 33;

(j) the composition of sub-committees, method of payment of arbitrators and the fees, if any, that may be paid by parties for the settlement of disputes, the procedure to be followed by the sub-committees or arbitrators for the settlement of disputes and the manner in which and the time within which an appeal may be preferred from the decision of the sub-committee or arbitrator under section 34;

(k) the manner in which the amount to the credit of a Market Fund shall be kept or invested under sub-section (2) of section 35;

(l) travelling and other allowances payable to the members of the Market Committees;

(m) the manner in which payment from the Market Fund shall be made, its account shall be kept or audited or re-audited, budget estimates of income and expenditure shall be made and annual administration report shall be prepared under section 37;

(n) the qualifications of a member of a Tribunal constituted under sub-section (4) of section 52;

(o) any other matter which is required to be, or may be, prescribed.

(3) Any rule made under this section may provide that if any purchase fails to make the payment forthwith as required by sub-section (6) of section 25, he shall be liable to pay interest from the date of sale to the date of payment at such rate as may be provided in such rule and if payment is not made within thirty days from the date on which the agricultural produce is sold, the principal and interest shall be recoverable by the Market Committee from the purchaser in the manner provided in section 52.

(4) Any rule under the provisions of this Act, may provide that the contravention thereof shall on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.
(5) The power to make rules conferred by this section, shall be subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

(6) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before the Legislative Assembly of Tripura while it is in session for total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the House agrees in making any modification in the rule or the House agrees that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

56. (1) Subject to any rules made under this Act, and with the previous sanction of the State Government, a Market Committee may, in respect of the market area for which it is constituted or any market established therein, make bye-laws for determining the quantity of agricultural produce which may be provided for retail sale, for the regulation of the business (including meeting, quorum and procedure) of the Market Committee, and the conditions of trading in the market area, including the rates and manner of collection or refund of market fees or any other fees levied under this Act.

(2) Where a Market Committee fails to make bye-laws under this section within six months from the date on which this Act comes into force or the date of its constitution, whichever is later, the State Government may make such bye-laws as it may think fit and the bye-laws so made shall remain in operation in relation to that Market Committee.

(3) Any bye-law made under the provisions of this Act may provide that any contravention thereof shall, on conviction, be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

57. The State Government may by notification, include in the Schedule any item of agricultural produce or, amend, or exclude, any of the items of agricultural produce specified in the Schedule.

58. Whenever it is found that any amount due to the State Government or a Market Committee is irrecoverable or should be remitted, or whenever any loss of the State Government's or a Market Committee's money or stores or

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other property occurs through the fraud or negligence of any person or for any other cause and such money or property is found to be irrecoverable, the fact shall be reported to the Director or Market Committee as the case may be, and the Director with the approval of State Government and the Market Committee, with the approval of the Director, may order the amount or value of the property to be written off as lost, irrecoverable or remitted, as the case may be:

Provided that the Director shall not accord such approval without obtaining prior consent of the State Government.

Provided that the Market Committee shall not be competent to impose fine exceeding twenty-five rupees.

Provided that such ceaser shall not affect the previous operation of the enactment aforesaid and anything done or any action taken (including any appointment, delegation or declaration made, notification, order, rule, direction or notice issued, bye-laws framed, Market Committee established, licences granted, fees levied and collected, instruments executed, any fund established or constituted) by or under the provisions of any such enactment, shall, in so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act, and shall continue in force unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken under this Act.

(2) Any area or place declared to be a market area or any place or market declared to be a market under the enactment so ceasing to be in force shall, on the commencement of this Act, be deemed to be the market area or market declared under this Act; the Market Committee constituted for the said market area and functioning immediately prior to such commencement
shall be deemed, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, to be the Market Committee constituted under this Act, for such Market area, and, where it is so declared or notified, also for the agricultural produce specified in the declaration or notification; and all the members of such Market Committee shall be deemed to be members nominated by the State Government under sub-section (2) of section 7.

(3) Any reference to the enactment ceasing to be in force as aforesaid or to any provisions or to any officer, authority or person entrusted with any functions thereunder, in any law for the time being in force or any instrument or document, shall be construed, where necessary, as a reference to the corresponding provisions of this Act or to the corresponding officer, authority or person functioning under this Act, and the corresponding officer, authority or person, as the case may be, shall have and exercise the functions under such law, instrument or document.

61. If any difficulty arises, in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, as occasion requires, by order not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, do anything which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of three years from the commencement of this Act.
SCHEDULE
[Sec section 2(1) (a) and section 57].

I. FIBRES :
1. Cotton (Ginned and unginned)
2. San hemp
3. Jute
4. Mesta

II. GENERALS :
1. Wheat and Wheat products
2. Paddy and its products
3. Chira
4. Muri
5. Khair
6. Maize
7. Ragi
8. Jowar

III. PULSES :
1. Arhar
2. Blackgram or Kalai
3. Mug
4. Lentil (Musur)
5. Choola
6. Dry peas
7. Kulthi
8. Splits (Dal) of pulses
9. Khesari
10. Ghevda
11. Cow peas (Dry)
12. Assam Vailly

IV. OIL SEEDS :
1. Grindnat (Shelled and unshellesd)
2. Linseeds
3. Sesamum
4. Coconut (including Green)

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5. Cotton Seeds
6. Castor Seeds
7. Mustard and Rape
8. All vegetable oils & sailcakes

V. TOBACCO:

VI. Gur, Sugar and sugarcane.

VII. FRUITS:
1. Mango
2. Musarabi
3. Lemon
4. Banana
5. Chikko
6. Melons
7. Water Melon
8. Papaw
9. Guava
10. Custard Apple
11. Pineapple
12. Nespati
13. Jackfruit
14. Litchi
15. Orange
16. Black Berry.

VIII. VEGETABLE:
1. Potato
2. Onion
3. Palwal
4. Brinjals
5. Gourès (Law, Chalkumar & Mistt Kumar)
6. Bhindi
7. Pumpkin
IX. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PRODUCTS:
1. Eggs
2. Poultry
3. Cattle
4. Sheep
5. Goat
6. Wool
7. Butter
8. Ghee
9. Milk
10. Pork
11. Bones
12. All kinds of meat
13. Hides and Skins

X. CONDIMENTS, SPICES & OTHERS:
1. Turmeric
2. Ginger
3. Coriander
4. Cardamom including black peeper
5. Garlic
6. Chillies
7. Betelnuts
8. Betel leaves
9. Cashewnut
10. Rai mustard
11. Methi
12. Tamarine

XI. GRASS & SODDER

XII. CATTLE FEEDS:
(All kinds of cattle feeds)

XIII. APICULTURE:
1. Honey

XIV. PISCICULTURE:
1. Fish including fish seed
2. Fish including dry fish

XV. FOREST PRODUCE:
1. Hilda
2. Gum
3. Bidi leaves
4. Lac
5. Chhan
6. Citronala and its oils
7. Bel
8. Kul
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The following Act of the Tripura Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 9th May, 2007 and is hereby published for general information.

P. B. Nath
Additional Secretary, Law.
Government of Tripura.
Further to amend the Tripura Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1980

Be it enacted by the Tripura Legislative Assembly in the fifty eighth year of Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tripura Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Act, 2007.
   (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Tripura Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1980 (hereinafter called “The Principal Act”) in Section 2

   (i) after clause (bb) of Sub-Section (1) the following clauses shall be inserted, namely ;- 

      (b) “SC & ST” means the persons defined under clauses 24 & 25 of article 366 of the Constitution of India.

      (bb) “OBC” means the Other Backward Classes of citizens as specified by the State Govt. from time to time.

   (ii) after sub-clause (iii) of clause (f) the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely ;- 

      (iv) “ADC” Village Committee, that committee.

   (iii) after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely ;- 

      (gg) “Special Market” means a market notified as such established under section 22(B) of this Act.

   (iv) after clause (h) the following clause shall be inserted, namely ;- 

      (hh) “Private Market Yard” means such place other than the Market Yard / Sub-Market Yard in the market area where infrastructure has been developed and managed by a person for marketing of notified agricultural produce holding a licence for this purpose under section 30 (A).

   (v) after clause (r) the following clauses shall be inserted, namely ;-
(s) "Contract Farming" means farming by a person called "Contract Farming Producer" under a written agreement with another person called "Contract Farming Sponsor" to the effect that his firm produce shall be purchased as specified in the agreement.

Explanation :- “Contract Farming Producer” means individual agriculturist or association of agriculturists whatever name called registered under any Law for the time being in-force.

In North-Eastern States where the ownership of control over the agricultural land lies with Village Panchayat or similar body legally recognized, such body will be treated as "Contract Farming Producer".

(t) "Contract Farming Agreement" means the agreement made for contract farming between contract farming sponsor & contract farming producer.

In the Principal Act, in Section 3

(i) For Sub-Section (1) the following shall be substituted, namely ;- 
"(1) upon a representation made by any person, local authority or by any growers of any agricultural produce within the area for which a market is proposed to be established or otherwise the State Govt. may by notification declare its intention of developing and regulating the marketing of such agricultural produce and in such area as may be specified in the notification".

(ii) In Sub-section (2) the words “sixty days” shall be substituted by the words “thirty days”.

In the Principal Act, after clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 4, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

(c) to amalgamate two or more market areas and constitute one market committee thereof.
(d) to split up a market area and to constitute two or more market committee thereof.
(e) to de-establish a market.

(ii) **Sub-section (3) of Section 4** shall be deleted.

In the Principal Act, in Section 5

(i) For Sub-section(1) the following shall be substituted, namely ;
"(i) In every market area, there may be (i) Market Yard managed by Market Committee, (ii) one or more than one Sub-Market Yard managed by Market Committee, (iii) one or more than one Private Market Yard / Private Markets managed by persons other than Market Committee, (iv) one or more than one farmer / consumer markets managed by persons other than Market Committee."

(ii) After Sub-section (2) the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely;-

"(3) no place or area as declared principal market or sub-markets to be used for purchase or sale of any agricultural produce specified in the notification issued there under or levy any fees on such agricultural produce sold in the market area by any other person or local authority."

Amendment of Section 7

In the Principal Act, after clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 7, the following clause shall be inserted, namely;-

"(aa) provided that, out of six members of Agriculturists, at least one shall belong to each of the following section of the Society: -

1. SC/ST -- 1 member
2. OBC -- 1 member
3. Women -- 1 member

Further provided that, if no women Agriculturist is available as defined under this Act, to be elected as representative of Agriculturist within the market area, then the member shall be elected from the rest section of the society.

Amendment of Section 8

In the Principal Act, with Section 8 the following proviso shall be inserted, namely;-

"Provided that no immovable property shall be acquired or transferred by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior permission of the Director."

Amendment of Section 9

In the Principal Act, in Sub-Section (4) of Section 9 the words "three years" shall be substituted by the words "five years".
Amendment of Section 17

9. In the Principal Act for Section 17, the following shall be substituted namely:

"The President of the Market Committee may resign his office at any time in writing addressed to the Director and office shall become vacant on the expiry of fifteen clear days from the date of such resignation, unless within the said period of fifteen days he withdraws the resignation in writing addressed to the Director."

Insertion of new section 19 A.

10. In the Principal Act, after Section 19 the following section shall be inserted, namely: -

(i) "19 A(1) A motion of no confidence may be moved against the President at a meeting of the Market Committee which shall be held in the prescribed manner within 30 days of the date of received of the notice of motion of the no confidence."

(ii) (2) If the motion against the President convent under subsection (1) is carried by a majority of not less than two third of the members of the Committee, ceased to be President as the case may be.

(iii) (3) The President shall not preside over the meeting, but such meeting shall be presided over by an officer of the State Govt. as the Director may appoint for the purpose. However, the President shall have the right to speak and other to take part in the proceedings of the meeting.

(iv) (4) If the motion of no confidence is not accorded as aforesaid or if the meeting could not be held for want of quorum, no notice of any subsequent motion expressing vote of confidence in the same President shall be made until after the expiry of six months from the date of such scheduled meeting.

Insertion of Chapter II A

11. In the Principal Act, after chapter II, and before chapter III the following chapter and provisions there under shall be inserted, namely:

Chapter II A

Classification of Market and Special Market

Classification of Market

(i) 22 A The State Govt. / Director / Managing Director may classify the market constituted under Section 4 into various categories on the basis of the criteria as may be prescribed.
22B (1) State Government may by Notification declare any market area as 'Special Market' or 'Special Commodity Market' after consideration of such aspects as turn-over, serving large area and special infrastructure requirements of particular commodity, to be operated in addition to the existing market.

(2) Save as provided under Sub-Section (2) of Section 4 the State Government may by notification, establish separate Market Committee for effective implementation of provisions of this Act for such markets which are notified as special market under Sub-section (2).

(3) All provisions for and in relation to the Market Committee made in the Act shall mutatis mutandis apply to the Market Committee established for the special market under Sub-section (2).

22C (1) Save as provided under Sub-Section 2 of section 4 every Market Committee for special market shall consist of following number of members namely:

1. Agriculturists (to be nominated by the State Govt. from amongst the agriculturists residing in the State) - Five.

2. Traders (to be nominated by the State Government from amongst the traders holding trading licence in any Market Committees in the State). Out of the traders so nominated, at least two shall hold the licence from the Market Committee of Special Market - Four.

3. Municipal Commissioner or his nominee of the area where the Special market is located - One.

4. The Collector or his nominee of the District in which Special Market is located - One.

5. Chief Town Planner or the authority exercising such powers - One.

6. Representative of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies - One

7. Director of Marketing of the State or his nominee (ex-officio member) - One.

8. General Manager (or his nominee) of the State Agricultural Marketing Board (ex-officio Member) - One.
9. Representative of other States where from arrivals are received by the special market (to be nominated by the respective State Government on receipt of request for such nomination by the State Government where Special Market is located – Three. (preferably growers)

10. Executive Member (to be appointed by the State Government. Executive member shall Act as the Market Secretary of the Market Committee) – One.

11. Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India or his nominee – One.

(2) The Market Committee shall meet at least once in six months.

22. D. The Market Committee, for Special Market shall have President and Vice President who may be nominated by the State Government for such period as may be specified. The members shall hold office during the pleasure of the State Government.

(v) 22.E. (1) There shall be Executive Committee of the Market Committee of the Special Market consisting of

(i). One representative of the traders holding the trading license in the Market Committee of Special Market.

(ii). One representative of growers.

(iii). Representative of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

(iv). Director of Marketing or his nominee.

(v). General Manager (or his nominee) of the State Agricultural Marketing Board.

(vi). Executive Member of the Market Committee who shall Act as the Member-Secretary of the Executive Committee.

(vi) (2) In case of emergency, the Executive committee may decide issues requiring approval of the Market Committee. However, such decisions shall have to be approved by the Market Committee within 45 days from the date, such decisions have been taken. Failure in doing so or in the event of disapproval of such decisions by the Market Committee, such decisions shall stand null and void.
Chief Executive of the Market Committee of Special Market, functions & Powers.

(vii) The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary, but at least once in two months.

(viii) 22.F. Executive member of the Market Committee shall Act as the Market Secretary of the Market Committee of the Special Market. The Market Secretary shall:

(i). Exercise supervision and control over the officers and staff of the Market Committee in matter of executive administration, concerning accounts and records and disposal of all questions relating to the services of the officers and staff of the Market Committee as per the prescribed procedure.

(ii). Appoint officers and staff of the Market Committee as per direction and procedure prescribed by the Market Committee.

(iii). Incur expenditure from the Market Committee fund for the sanctioned items of work.

(iv). In cases of emergency, direct the execution or stoppage of any work and doing of any Act which requires the sanction of the Market Committee.

(v). Launch prosecution for violation of provision of this Act and rules and by-laws made thereof.

(vi). Issue licences to the functionaries operating in the market.

(vii). Prepare Annual budget of the Market Committee.

(viii). Arrange for summoning the meetings of the Market Committee and maintenance of records of the proceedings of such meetings.

(ix). Inspect from time to time the construction work undertaken by the Market Committee and send report of such inspection to the Chairman of the Market Committee.

(x). Report such acts of the Market Committee or members of the Market Committee including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman which are contrary to the provisions of this Act and Rules and by-laws framed thereof to the Director of Marketing.
(xi). Take such steps as deemed necessary for effective discharge of the functions and decisions of the Market Committee.

In the **Principal Act**, for **Sub-section (1) of Section 29** the following shall be substituted, namely:

"(1) The Market Committee may appoint Market Secretary from among the professionals drawn from open market with the approval of director as per recruitment rules of the State Govt. The salary and condition of service of Market Secretary so appointed by the Market Committee shall be such as may be prescribed.

If the Market Committee fails to appoint Market Secretary as stated above, the State Govt. may appoint a person from amongst the nominated members of the Committee as Market Secretary and that appointment shall be binding on the Market Committee."

In the **Principal Act**, after chapter IV, and before chapter V the following chapter and provisions there under shall be inserted, namely:

"**Chapter IV A**

**Contract Farming**

**29 B** Contract Farming shall be governed in the manner laid down herein after:

(1). Contract Farming sponsor shall register himself with the Market Committee or with a prescribed officer in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2). The Contract Farming sponsor shall get the contract farming agreement recorded with the officer prescribed in this behalf. The contract farming agreement shall be in such form containing such particular, terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Notwithstanding anything contained in Contract Farming agreement, no title, rights, ownership or possession shall be transferred or alienated or vested in the contract farming sponsor or his successor or his agent as a consequence arising out of the contract farming agreement.
(3). Disputes arising out of Contract Farming agreement may be referred to an authority prescribed in this behalf for settlement. The prescribed authority shall resolve the dispute in a summary manner within 30 days after giving the parties a reasonable opportunity of being heard, in the manner prescribed.

(4). The party agreed by the decision of the prescribed authority under Sub-section (3) may prefer an appeal to an Appellate Authority within thirty days from the date of decision. The Appellate Authority shall dispose of the appeal within thirty days after giving the parties a reasonable opportunity of being heard and the decision of the Appellate Authority shall be final.

(5). The decision by the authority under Sub-section (3) and decision in appeal under Sub-section (4) shall have force of the decree of the civil court and shall be enforceable as such and decreetal amount shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

(6). Disputes relating to and arising out of Contract Farming agreement shall not be called in question in any court of law then otherwise here in above.

(7). The agricultural produce covered under the Contract Farming agreement may be sold to the contract farming sponsor outside the market yard and in such a case, no market fees in the levy able”.

29.C. Addendum on Contract Farming Agreement and its Model Specifications shall be as per SCHEDULE – B.”

In the Principal Act, in chapter-V, after Section 30, the following new Section 30 A and 30 B shall be inserted, namely ;-

(i) “ 30 A The Director may grant licence to purchase agricultural produce by establishing private yards or direct from agriculturists in one or more market area for

(i) process of the notified agricultural produce :

(ii) trade of notified agricultural produce of particular specification ;

(iii) export of notified agricultural produce;

(iv) grading, packing and transaction in other way by value addition of notified agricultural produce:
Amendment of section 31

30. (1) Consumer / Farmer market may be established by developing infrastructure as prescribed by any person in any market area. Such place, produce of agricultural produce or for operating in any market area as a trader, surveyor, warehousman, or any other capacity.

Provided that the Director may, where a Market Committee has not been constituted or has not started functioning, subject to any rules that may be made in this behalf, grant a licence for the marketing of agricultural produce or for operating in any market area as a trader, surveyor, warehousman, or any other capacity.

In the principal Act, for Sub-section (1) and the proviso thereof of Section 31, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"(i) Any person who under Section 30 A desires to purchase notified agricultural produce direct from agriculturists or wishes to establish a private yard or under the notification under section 30 B desires to establish a producer market shall be granted by the State Govt. / Director.

(iv) Licence for establishment of consumer / farmer market shall be granted by the State Govt. / Director.

(iii) Save as otherwise provided in this Act no market fee shall be levied on the transactions undertaken in the consumer / Farmers market.

(ii) Market service charge shall be collected on sale of agriculture produce by the seller and will be remitted to the proprietor of the consumer market.

The consumer may not purchase more than such quantity of a commodity at a time in the consumer market as may be prescribed."

30 B. (i) Consumer / Farmer market may be established by developing infrastructure as prescribed by any person in any market area. Such place, produce of agricultural produce or for operating in any market area as a trader, surveyor, warehousman, or any other capacity.

Provided that the Director may, where a Market Committee has not been constituted or has not started functioning, subject to any rules that may be made in this behalf, grant a licence for the marketing of agricultural produce or for operating in any market area as a trader, surveyor, warehousman, or any other capacity.

In the principal Act, for Sub-section (1) and the proviso thereof of Section 31, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"(i) Any person who under Section 30 A desires to purchase notified agricultural produce direct from agriculturists or wishes to establish a private yard or under the notification under section 30 B desires to establish a producer market shall be granted by the State Govt. / Director.

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"(i) Any person who under Section 30 A desires to purchase notified agricultural produce direct from agriculturists or wishes to establish a private yard or under the notification under section 30 B desires to establish a producer market shall be granted by the State Govt. / Director.

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The consumer may not purchase more than such quantity of a commodity at a time in the consumer market as may be prescribed."
16. In the Principal Act, the word "Director/" shall be inserted in Sub-section (1) of Section 32 before the word "a Market Committee."

17. In the Principal Act, for Sub-section (1) of Section 34 the following shall be substituted, namely ;-

"(1) Dispute between the private or the consumer market and the Market Committee shall be referred to Director or any other Officer of State Govt. in this regard as may be prescribed.

Dispute between buyers and sellers of agricultural produce or their agent including any dispute regarding quality, weights or payment or any matter in relation to the regulation of marketing of agricultural produce in the market area shall be referred to respective Market Committee.

The Director / Market Committee may appoint an arbitrator as the case may be for the settlement of the dispute."

18. The existing Schedule to the Act shall be read as Schedule – A and the new schedule appended to the Act shall be read as Schedule – B.
Schedule - B

CONTRACT FARMING AGREEMENT AND ITS MODEL SPECIFICATIONS
MODEL AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT FARMING

(All clauses of the agreement are subject to the respective explanatory note given under "Contents of a Model Contract Farming Agreement")

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into at ......................on the ..................day of 2006 between..................................................age......................residing at ..........................................................herein after called the party of the first part (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof mean and include his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns) of the one part and M/S ..........................................................a Pvt./ Public Limited Co. incorporated under the provision of Companies Act 1956 and having its registered office at ..........................................................herein after called the second part (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof mean and include its successor and assigns) of the other part.

WHERE AS the party of the first part is the owner / cultivator of the agricultural land bearing the following particulars.

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AND WHERE AS, the party of the second part is trading in agricultural use and also providing technical know how in respect of land preparation, nursery, fertilization, pest management, irrigation, harvesting & alike things.

AND WHERE AS, the party of the second part is interested in the items of the agricultural produce more particularly mentioned in Annexure – I here to annexed and at the request of the party of the second part, party of the first part has agreed to cultivate and produce the items of agricultural produce mentioned in the Annexure I here to annexed.
AND WHERE AS, the party is hereto have agreed to reduce in writing the terms & conditions in the manner here in after appearing.

NOW, THESE PRESENCE WITNESSTH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FollowS:

Clause 1

The party of the first part agrees to cultivate and produce and deliver to the party of the second part and the party of the second part agrees to buy from the party of the first part the items of the agricultural produces, particulars of the items, quality, quantity and price of the items are more particularly mentioned in the Annexure I here to annexed.

Clause 2

The Agricultural produce, particulars of which are mentioned in the Annexure I here to, will be supplied by the party of the first part to the party of the Second part within the period of .................months/ years from the date hereof

OR

It is expressly agreed between the parties hereto that this agreement is for Agricultural produce particulars of which are described in Annexure I hereto and for a period of .................months/ years and after expiration of said period, these agreement will automatically come to an end

Clause 3

The party of the First part agrees to cultivate, produce and supply quantity mentioned in Annexure I hereto annexed to the party of the Second part.
Clause 4

The party of the First part agrees to supply the quantity contracted according to the quality specifications stipulated in Annexure I. If the Agricultural produce is not as per the agreed quality standard, this party of the Second part will be entitled to refuse to take the delivery of the Agricultural produce only on this count. Then

a) The party of the First part shall be free to sell the produce to the party of the Second part at a mutually renegotiated price OR

b) In open market (to bulk buyer viz exporter/ processor/ manufacturer etc.) and if he gets a price less than the price contracted, he will pay to the party of the Second part for his investment proportionately less OR

c) In the market yard and if the price obtained by him is less than contracted price, then he will return proportionately less for the party of the Second investment.

In the event, the party of the Second part refuses / fails to take delivery of the contracted produce for his own reasons then the party of the First part will be free to sell the produce in the open market and if the price received is lower than the contracted price viz difference will be on account of the party of the Second part and the party of the Second part shall pay the said difference to the party of the First part within a period of .........................days from asserting the said difference.

Clause-5.

The party of the First Part agrees to adopt instruction/ practices in respect of land preparation, nursery, fertilization, pest management, irrigation, harvesting and any other as suggested by the party of the Second part from time to time and cultivate and produce the items as per specification mentioned in the Annexure-1 hereto.
Clause-6.

It is expressly agreed by and between the parties hereto that buying will be as per the following terms and buying slips will be issued immediately after the purchase.

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It is further agreed that it will be the responsibility of the party of the Second part to take in to possession of the contracted produce at the delivery point agreed after it is offered for delivery and if he fails to take delivery within __________ period then the party of the First part will be free to sell the agricultural produce contracted as under :-

a) In the open market (bulk buyer viz exporter/ processor/ manufacturer etc.), and if he gets a price less then the price contracted, he will pay to the party of the Second part for his investment proportionately less.

b) In the market yard, and if the price obtained is less than the contracted price then he will return proportionately less to the party of the Second part for his investment.

It is further agreed that the quality maintenance in transit will be the responsibility of the party of the Second part and the party of the First part shall not be responsible of liable for the same.

Clause-7.

The party of the Second part shall pay to the party of the First part the price/ rate mentioned in Annexure-1 when his crop; has been harvested and delivered to the party to the Second part after deducting all outstanding advances given to the party of the First part by the party of the Second part. The following schedule shall be followed for the payment.

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Clause-8.

The parties hereto shall insure the contracted produce mentioned in Annexure-1 hereto, for the period of __________ against risk of losses due to acts of God's destruction of specified assets, loan default and production and income loss and all other acts or events beyond the control of the parties, such as very low production caused by the serious outbreak of a disease, epidemic, or by abnormal weather condition, flood, drought, hailstorm, cyclones, earth- quakes, fire and other catastrophes, war, acts of Govt., action existing on or after the effective date of this agreement which prevent totally or partially the fulfillment of the obligation of the farmer. Upon request, the party of the First part invoking such acts shall provide to the other party confirmation of the existence of facts. Such evidence shall consist of a statement of certificate of the appropriate Governmental Deptt. If such a statement or certificates cannot reasonably be obtained, the party of the First part claiming such acts may as substitute, thereof, make a notary statement describing in details the facts claimed and the reasons why such a certificate or statement confirming the existence of such facts. Alternatively, subject to the mutual agreement between the two parties the party of the First part may fill his quota of the produce through other sources and the loss suffered by him thereby due to price difference, shall be shared equally between the parties, after taking in to account the amount recovered from the insurance company, the insurance premium shall be shared equally by both the parties.

Clause-9.

The party of the Second part hereby agrees to provide following services to the party of the First part during the period of cultivation and post harvest management, particulars of which services are as follows:-

1.
2.
3.
4.
**Clause-10.**

The party of Second part or it's representatives agrees to have regular interactions with the farmers forum set up/named by the party of the First part during the period of contract.

**Clause-11.**

The party of the Second part or it’s representatives at their costs shall have the right to enter the premises/fields of the party of the First part to monitor farming practices adopted and the quality of the produce from time to time.

**Clause-12.**

The party of the Second part confirms that he has registered himself with the registering Authority ________________ on _______________and shall pay the fees in accordance with the law prevailing in this regards to the Registered Authority which has jurisdiction to regulate the marketing of agricultural produce which is cultivated on the land described ____________.

OR

The party of the Second part has registered himself on _______ with a single point registration Authority namely ________________ prescribed by the state in this regard. The fees levied by the respective Registering Authority shall be borne by the party of the Second part Exclusively and will not be deducted in any manner, whatsoever, from the amounts paid to the party of the First part.

**Clause-13**

The party of the Second part will have no rights whatsoever as to the Title, Ownership, Possession of the land/property of the party of the First part nor will it in any way alienate the party of the First part from the land property particularly nor mortgagee, lease, sublease or transfer the land property of the First party in any way to any other person/institution during the continues of this agreement.
Clause-14.

The party of the Second part shall submit true copy of this agreement signed by both the parties within a period of 15 days from the date of execution thereof with the market committee/ registering authority as required by the APMC Act/ any other registering authority prescribed for the purpose.

Clause-15.

Dissolution, Termination/ Cancellation of the Contract will be with consent of both the parties. Such dissolution, termination/ cancellation deed will be communicated to the registering authority within 15 days of such dissolution, termination/ cancellation.

Clause-16.

In the event of any dispute or difference arising between the parties hereto or as to the rights and obligations under this agreement or as to any claim, monetary or otherwise of one party against the other or as to the interpretation and effect of any terms and conditions of this agreement, such dispute or difference shall be referred to arbitration authority constituted for the purpose of Authority declared by State Government in this regard.

Clause-17.

In case of change of address of any party to this agreement, it should be intimated to the other party and also to the Registering Authority.

Clause-18.

Each party hereto will act in good faith diligently and honestly with the other in the performance of their responsibilities under this agreement and nothing will be done to jeopardize the interest of the other.
In Witness whereof the parties have signed these agreement on the
........day......month........year first above mentioned.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by the
Within named ‘PARTY OF THE FIRST PART’
In the presence of

1...........................................................................................................

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# GRADE, SPECIFICATION, QUANTITY AND PRICE CHART

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